

**SUISUN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 AT 2:00 PM
SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CHAMBERS
675 TEXAS STREET
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

DIRECTORS PRESENT: **Tony Vaccarella**
 Terry Connolly
 Arnold Lenk
 Mike Lewis
 Jim Waters

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Chappell, SRCD
 Laureen Barthman-Thompson, CDFW
 Tim Edmunds, SRCD
 Mike Frost, Frost Construction
 Michal Koller, DWR
 Kelli Perez, SRCD
 Melissa Riley, CDFW
 Katie Smith, CDFW
 Bruce Wickland, SRCD

1. Call to Order ~ The Suisun Resource Conservation District Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM.

2. Public Comments ~ No Public Comments

3. Open Session ~

a) Approval of the August 17, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes ~ A motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2016 Board meeting was made by Mr. Lenk and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Biennial Review of SRCD's Conflict of Interest Code ~ Mr. Chappell reviewed the current SRCD Conflict of Interest Code for the Board and recommended no changes. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve no changes of SRCD Conflict of Interest Code, and Mr. Connolly seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

c) For Board Consideration SRCD Internet Security Policy ~ Mr. Wickland reviewed the draft Internet Security Policy and answered any questions. Mr. Lenk made a motion to approve the SRCD Internet Security Policy and Mr. Connolly seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

4. Financial Reports ~

a) Approval of Vendor Claims for August 2016 ~ Mr. Chappell reported the August 2016 General Fund vendor claims for \$125,602.78. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the General Fund vendor claims for \$125,602.78 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the August 2016 LJI vendor claims for \$8,091.61. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the LJI vendor claims for \$8,091.61 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Chappell reported the August 2016 Special Revenue vendor claims total of \$15,830.25. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve the Special Revenue vendor claims total for \$15,830.25 and Mr. Lenk seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Report ~ Ms. Lauren Barthman-Thompson read a DFW report on the activities on Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, which included an update on the 2016 waterfowl banding, totaling over 1,000 birds in the marsh for the 2016 breeding season. So far the 2016 elk season has been successful. DFW is currently in period 9 and all tags to date have been filled. The fundraiser tag was filled on the last day of his 30 day season with a nice 7x6 bull. Pump problems in pond 11 could have an impact on flooded areas in the space blind area opening day, if emergency repairs aren't approved in time. Work on the Island Slough Project is progressing, soon to be completed and ready for flood up.

The following item was heard out of agenda order.

6. Department of Water Resources Report ~ Mr. Michal Koller distributed the DWR Suisun Marsh briefing packet. Information contained in the packet was Suisun Marsh salinity conditions, monthly average flows, an update on DWR Suisun Marsh facilities

maintenance activities at Roaring River Distribution System, Morrow Island Distribution System (MIDS), and Goodyear Slough Outfall (GYSO), reservoir levels and the end of the water year precipitation totals. Mr. Koller also stated that the flashboards at Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates are scheduled to be installed on September 26, 2016. Some discussion ensued.

7. Suisun Resource Conservation District Reports ~

a) 2015 Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement Update and PAI Grant Program:

Adoption of Standards for Project's "Useful Life" – Mr. Chappell reviewed for the Board the PAI Grant Program standards for the draft list of the "Useful Life" of eligible activities. The list identified covered activities under PAI and the grouping of useful life for each activity of 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and 20 years. Mr. Connolly made a motion to approve Project's Useful Life Standards as presented and Mr. Waters seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

b) Suisun Marsh Plan ~ Mr. Chappell stated he attended a Principals meeting on 9/15/16 and ECAT meeting on 9/13/16 and an Applicants Compliance Team meeting held after the ECAT meeting. Also, on Monday 9/19/16, Tule Red tidal restoration ground breaking event occurred. It is the 1st tidal restoration project that has been initiated under the 2013 Suisun Marsh Plan. Some discussion ensued.

c) USACE Permits ~ RGP3 & LOP Update ~ Mr. Chappell stated we are nearing the end of this season's construction season. On Tuesday 9/20/16 the Corps and Regional Water Quality Control Board will be conducting an audit of selected authorized maintenance activities completed in the 2015 and 2016 work seasons. The projects the Corps and RWQCB selected focused on activities on the exterior levees and the tidal side of the levees, which included such activities as, exterior pipe replacements, rip rap placement, brush boxes and dredging.

d) Water Manager Program Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the Water Manager's work activities this past month including water management, pump installation and operation, Drought Response Fund Project administration, PAI Project assistance, benthic monitoring and sample scheduling, chemical use reporting, installation of sondes for the EPA grant, and finishing the fish screen cleaning and reinstalling of the screens.

e) Lower Joice Island Update ~ Mr. Wickland reported on the activities of the LJI Caretaker which included facility, grounds maintenance, equipment, and solar power system maintenance, haul supplies, and finishing up pest weed control spraying. Also Mr. Wickland reported on the purchase of the excavator and repairs the seller is performing on the excavator as a condition to us buying it, also discussed was the transport costs of barging it to the island. Discussion ensued.

f) Summary of Past & Future Meetings, Tours, and Presentations ~ Mr. Chappell stated that on September 15th, the Potrero Hills Landfill is having a dedication event, and on August 24th both he and Mr. Waters attended the Delta Conservancy Board meeting. Mr. Chappell stated that he along with staff participated in an EPA grant meeting on September 9th. Continue to participate in weekly conference calls with DWR, and DFW regarding Roaring River flood up coordination. Mr. Chappell also had a meeting on September 2nd with the Delta Conservancy to discuss carbon farming (mitigation of green house gas emissions) however, due to the long term commitment required of the landowner; he doesn't think it would be favorable in the Marsh.

8. Suisun Resource Conservation District Committee Reports ~

- a) **Agency Committee** ~ Mr. Lenk stated that on September 6th, RD 2127 had DWR and DFW staff to inspect urgent maintenance activities.
 - b) **Legal Committee** ~ No report
 - c) **Personnel Committee** ~ No Report
 - d) **Finance Committee** ~ Mr. Connolly reported that the LJI ad hoc committee researched LJI title and found a note against the property and although the note was paid long ago, Mr. Bancroft had not conveyed the note. So we need to get that taken care of right a way.
 - e) **Associate Directors Report and Public Relations Committee** ~ No Report
9. **Closed Session** ~ No closed session was needed.
- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – One case –Potential Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9 (c))
10. **Reconvene** ~
11. **Adjourn** ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.